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Tuesday, February 5, 2019

Athens, Tennessee

Do You Favor These Bills?

This Thursday is the deadline for filing bills in this year's session of the Tennessee General Assembly. Three of the proposed bills are listed below:

- Rep. Rick Tillis will try again to make Daylight Saving Time permanent year-round. Tillis says he hears from constituents daily. They tell him that "falling back" to Standard Time interrupts their schedules from kids standing at bus stops in the dark and feeding schedules for farm animals.
- State Rep. Barbara Cooper of Memphis has introduced a bill that would require any person age 75 or older to pass a vision test when they apply to renew their driver's license. At age 89, Rep. Cooper herself would have to pass the test if she tries to renew her license. The bill includes an exemption for anyone who submits a certified statement reporting the results of an examination by an ophthalmologist or optometrist and the need for any corrective lenses or diagnosed impaired night vision. The bill would also allow people with diagnosed impaired night vision to use night vision equipment without a driving-during-daytime-only restriction.
- Rep. Bruce Griffey of Paris has introduced a bill that would provide both civil and criminal immunity for a person who uses or threatens force in self-defense. The bill says a person could not be criminally prosecuted for using force in self-defense.

Community News You Can Use

- ✓ The Smoking Cessation Support Group meets every first Thursday of the month at Starr Regional Medical Center in Athens. Sessions begin at 6:30 p.m. The next session will be this Thursday. For more information, call (423) 507-4557.
- ✓ It's date night for couples! You are invited to come discover your Love Language. Find out what makes you feel loved and cared about. The UT Extension Office- McMinn County will offer a workshop based on Gary Chapman's book, *5 Love Languages*, this Thursday, February 7th, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the McMinn County Vocational Center. Dinner will be provided by the Culinary Department. The cost is \$10 per couple. The workshop instructor is Sarah Kite. To register, call 745-2852. There is a limit of 25.
- ✓ The Athens Police Department will conduct a swearing in ceremony for four new police officers and one returning officer on Wednesday, February 13th, at 9 a.m., in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building. The ceremony will also include two promotion announcements. The public is encouraged to attend.
- ✓ Betty Jo Whitehead, a volunteer certified tax preparer, and four others will be preparing taxes at no charge at the McMinn Senior Center. They are offering their service to any government worker who was recently furloughed, today and Thursday, February 7th, in the evening. You can call the Senior Center to schedule an appointment at 745-6830.

WEATHER FORECAST

Tuesday: 25% rain. High 66.
Tue Night: 25% rain. Low 58.
Wednesday: 58% rain. High 67.
Wed Night: 56% rain. Low 61.
Thursday: 25% rain. High 57.
Wed Night: 82% rain. Low 42.
More Weather at: wysi.com

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Monday's Market Report

U.S. stocks finished the day higher as investors continued to evaluate economic data, corporate earnings, and trade negotiations between the U.S. and China. Gains in technology shares were offset by declines in health care and materials companies. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was up 175 points or 0.7% to 25,239. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was up 18 points or 0.7% to 2,725, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was up 84 points or 1.2% to 7,348.

MORE ITEMS FROM THE MUNICIPAL CODE

- According to the Athens Municipal code, it is unlawful to permit anyone under the age of 18 to play billiards, pool, or other games requiring the use of cue and balls unless they have the written consent of their parents or guardian. This applies to places where pool tables are kept for public use. It does not apply to private residences.
- It shall be unlawful for any person owning or being in charge of any dog, cat, swine, sheep, horses, mules, or goats, or any chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, or other domestic fowl, cattle or livestock to knowingly or negligently permit any of them to run at large in any street, alley or unenclosed lot within the corporate limits. An animal shall be deemed to be running at large unless confined to the owner's premises or accompanied by a person in control of the animal either by leash or by voice commands which the animal will obey.

More Chamber Winners

The photo to the right shows the Farmer of the Year, Jack Williams. Tim Woods of the UT Extension Office, left, is presenting the award. Williams has been a fulltime farmer for the past 45 years.



The photo on the right shows Karen Raby, left, receiving the Diplomat of the Year award. It was presented by Chamber president Becky Wattenbarger. Raby is an employee of Simmons Bank.



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